

Craigslist Investigations™

When: December 4-5, 2013

Where: Vancouver Police Department – West Precinct; 2800 NE Stapleton Rd., Vancouver, WA 98661

Course start time: 8am - 4pm

Cost: \$350.00 per seat/class capacity 48

Course Overview:

Craigslist's has replaced traditional media (newspapers and magazines) and many online sources (chat rooms) as a primary online source for classifieds, jobs and sales...and for criminal activity. Law enforcement personnel must become adept in investigating crimes related to Craigslist activities. This course provides law enforcement personnel with the foundation and expertise to investigate any crime occurring on Craigslist. Starting with the history of Craigslist's and the evolution of the Craigslist criminal, the course then quickly and easily provides the student with an in-depth understanding of how to navigate Craigslist and identify indicators and red flags indicative of criminal activity. Students will learn how to use innovative and cutting edge methods in obtaining evidence, locating and identifying suspects and conducting online undercover operations involving prostitution, drugs, enticement of juveniles and property related crimes. Case examples as well as learning by doing activities will be utilized throughout the course. This course is intended primarily for law enforcement investigations personnel; associated department personnel may attend: any sworn officers, support staff, administrative personnel, Supervisors and Management. Attendees need only a basic understanding of computers. No technical or analytical background is required. A laptop computer is required to afford the student with an optimum learning experience.

Day One:

1. Understanding how Craigslist works - CL Basics: History, who, what and why?
2. Navigating Craigslist - From beginner to advanced
3. How to speak Craigslist - Become fluent in Craigslist speak
4. Understanding Craigslist postings - Learn how criminals post and how to find them
5. Obtaining information from Craigslist - Administrative subpoena or search warrant

Day Two:

1. Craigslist toolkit - Resources available to you at no cost
2. Criminal indicators and red flags - Proactively target criminals through subtle postings
3. Building blocks of an undercover operation - Roles, responsibilities and building your online profile
4. Undercover operations - Go undercover from a patrol car or your desk, no long hair or beard needed
5. What's next? Identifying the next Craigslist and what to do with it

Instructor Mike Tosti:

Mike Tosti is a Lieutenant with a police department in northern California. A 26-year law enforcement veteran he began his career with the LAPD in 1987. During his tenure with the LAPD, Mike was assigned to LAPD's prestigious OWB C.R.A.S.H. Unit and the Special Problems Unit. Mike has a wealth of experience having been a motor officer, FTO, Narcotics Detective, Homicide Detective and a Hostage Negotiator. Mike has devoted approximately half of his career to working in an undercover capacity and participating in hundreds of sensitive undercover operations involving online investigations, murder for hire, narcotics and weapons trafficking, store front operations and stolen car buy programs. Mike most recently supervised a DEA Task Force targeting international drug trafficking organizations. Mike is an Army veteran, holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from California Coast University and lives with his wife and two children in the northern California.

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